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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS.

Coalitionists Returned by Cambridge University.
London, December 21.
The Cambridge University election resulted as follows:
Mr. J. F. Rawlinson (Coalition Unionist) ... 2,034
Mr. J. Larmor (Coalition Unionist) ... 1,886
Mr. W. C. Whetham (Unionist) ... 1,229
Mr. J. C. Squire (Labour) ... 841
There are two seats.

Welsh University.
London, December 21.
The election for the University of Wales resulted as follows:
Right Hon. J. E. Lewis (Coalition Liberal) ... 739
Mr. Mackenzie (Labour) ... 176

Dublin University.
London, December 21.
Dublin University election resulted as follows:
Mr. A. W. Simms, K.C. (Coalitionist) ... 1,273
Sir Robert Woods (Coalitionist) ... 793
Mr. W. O. Jellott (Unionist) ... 631
Capt. S. L. Gwynn (Nationalist) ... 257
There are two seats. Capt. Gwynn was formerly M.P. for Galway.

Belfast University.
London, December 21.
Belfast University election resulted as follows:
Sir Wm. White (Unionist) ... 1,487
Mr. S. Dolan (Sinn Fein) ... 118

BOLSHEVISM IN GERMANY WORK OF RUSSIA.

Some Astonishing Disclosures.

London, December 20.
There is a good deal of controversy in the German newspapers on the question as to who financed the Revolution. The Berlin Soviet Executive admits it received half a million marks through a mysterious man, named Herr Ellich, who was subsequently arrested on an unproved charge. Herr Mueller, Chairman of the Berlin Executive, says it is uncertain to whom this money originally belonged. Meanwhile, M. Joffe, the Bolshevik ex-Ambassador to Berlin, is sending out wireless messages insisting on Russia being supplied with money and that the People's Commissaries, Herras Barth and Hase, know this to be true. M. Joffe declares that Dr. Gohm, at present Russian Under-Secretary of Justice, was authorized by the Russian Bolshevik Government to spend a million and a half marks to organize the Revolution, then 6,000,000 roubles to further it, and altogether 24,000,000 marks have been placed at the disposal of the German revolutionaries by Russia.

THE FUTURE OF COMMERCIAL AVIATION.

Lord Weir's Advice to Government.

London, December 20.
Lord Weir, the Minister of Air, in a speech at Manchester, said that we now possessed substantial numbers of aeroplanes and were able to carry seven crew and 30 passengers for 1,200 miles without stopping, at a speed of 1,200 miles per hour. He suggested that the big shipping and other transport organizations should actively interest themselves in the development of commercial aviation, and when peace was concluded the State should sell its superfluous aeroplanes suitable for conversion to commercial use, to private firms cheaply. Lord Weir said the Air Board must be re-organized. The first essential step of the new Ministry should be to organize international flying. This would involve an International Air Convention, the articles of which are already drafted and are being submitted to the Allies. If they are approved the Convention an International Air Conference could be held, and he had reason to anticipate that within the next four or five months the principal nations would have reached an agreement on this momentous question.

DEVELOPMENT OF COTTON INDUSTRY.

Extension at Present Impossible.

London, December 20.
Sir C. Macara states that any great extension of the cotton industry at present is impossible as the renewal of many millions of spindles destroyed or damaged by the war will tax the makers of cotton machinery to the utmost for some time, and as prices at present are 200 to 300 per cent. above the pre-war prices, new mills, even if they could be erected, could not compete with the existing mills.
Sir C. Macara also emphasizes that a considerable period must elapse before the raw material could be converted into the finished fabric.

"WILSON THE JUST."

Organised Moral Force of Men.

Paris, December 22.
President Wilson, amid impressive scenes during the Academic ceremonies, received to day the Honorary Degree of Doctor Honoris Causa of the Sorbonne, the Vice-Rector greeting him as "Wilson the Just."
In returning thanks, President Wilson said the chief object of education should be to awaken the spirit to the terrible war—not only the war between nations but also the war between systems of culture, the aggressive system of using science without a conscience, and using every faculty of the human mind to do wrong to the whole race. The other system was the indomitable spirit which was everywhere struggling towards Right and seeking, above all things, to be free. The triumph of Freedom in this war meant that the spirit that seeks now to dominate the world on President Wilson's conception of a League of Nations shall operate as an organized moral force of men throughout the world.—Times.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

PEACE PROBLEMS.

President Wilson on "the Greatest Question."

London, December 21.
President Wilson, interviewed by the Paris correspondent of the Times, said the greatest question as regards the Peace Conference was "Will there be found enough of wisdom and purpose among statesmen to create a safeguard against future wars?" He emphasized that the difficulties and responsibilities which had arisen by the successful termination of the war must be shared by the great nations of the world as comrades of the less powerful.
Regretting his inability at present to visit the Grand Fleet, President Wilson said he so fully realized from the beginning that behind the great armies was the strong, silent and watchful support of the British Navy, securing the communications of the Allies, that it would give him great pleasure to visit the Grand Fleet if it were possible. There had been the happiest comradeship and loyal co-operation between the Navy of Great Britain and the Navy of the United States, and he was sure all Americans were keenly appreciative of it and knew its full significance in the winning of the war.

In discussing the role of the British Fleet in maintaining what, anyhow in war-time, has been "the freedom of the seas" for the free people of the world, President Wilson spoke with a sincerity which no amount of writing can convey. His accents conveyed to us that he is a believer in the decency and honesty of the Anglo-Saxon race. He said: "I am more anxious to go to England because I have reason to know with what unanimity and passionate conviction the people of Great Britain and America have entertained the same conception of liberty and justice. It is essential to the future peace of the world that there be the frankest co-operation and most generous understanding between the two English-speaking Democracies. We appreciate, I believe, the grave problems which the war has brought to the British people and fully understand the special international questions which arise from the facts of your peculiar position as an Island Empire." This declaration of the President's remarks do not convey the real solid base of sincerity with which President Wilson dealt with this particular point of the freedom of the seas.

Proceeding, President Wilson said he was convinced that nothing can possibly prevent the approaching Conference from producing what all the world wants—a really solid guarantee of future peace. He concluded: "I am confident that by common counsel the statement of the world will be able to reach a just and reasonable solution of the problems which will be presented to them, and thus earn the gratitude of the world for the most critical and necessary service which has ever been rendered to it."

SIR DOUGLAS HAIG'S HOMECOMING.

Received By Duke of Connaught.

London, December 18 (Delayed).
There are great preparations to give Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig a right royal welcome in London to-morrow when he arrives on his Christmas furlough. Although the official recognition of his great services will come at a later date, every effort is being made to make this visit memorable. He will be accompanied by his distinguished Army Commanders, Generals Sir Henry Horne, Sir Herbert Plumer, Sir William Birdwood, Sir Henry Rawlinson and Sir Julian Byng, Lieut. General Travers O'Brien, Quartermaster General, Lieut. General Sir Walter Lawrence, Chief of the General Staff, Lieut. General Sir George Fowke, Adjutant General, also Major-General Sir William Salmon, commanding the Air Force, and Sir Douglas Haig's personal staff.
Sir Douglas Haig arrives at Charing Cross at one o'clock in the afternoon where he will be met by the Duke of Connaught, and he will drive via Piccadilly to Buckingham Palace, where he luncheon with His Majesty, his Generals and Staff following in four carriages. Aeroplanes will escort the ship on which the party crosses the Channel if the weather is favourable.
Dover has also arranged a great welcome and it will present an illuminated address to him.

THE ALLIES AND RUSSIA.

Prince Lvoff in London.

London, December 19.
Prince Lvoff, Russia's First Revolutionary Premier, is now in London.

Parliamentary Debate on British Policy in Russia.
The newspapers state that the whole question of the Government's policy in Russia will be raised on the debate on the Address to the new Parliament.

Peace of World Dependent on Order in Russia.

Lord Milner's letter is commented on to a considerable degree. The Daily Telegraph thinks that the country is entitled to more information than Lord Milner has given regarding the conduct and aims of the war in Russia, particularly whether the Allies' Russian proteges are mainly partisans of the old regime.
The Daily News welcomes Lord Milner's letter as the first sign that the Government is ready to publicly discuss intervention in Russia and says that the British people refuse to have the lives of their sons wasted on a policy of adventure.
The Times and Daily Mail emphasize that peace in Europe and Asia are impossible until orderly Government is restored in Russia.

BRITISH VESSELS INTERNED AT HAMBURG.

Fifteen Arrive in the Tyne.

London, December 20.
Fifteen British merchantships, interned at Hamburg since the war, have arrived in the Tyne with German crews.

FRANCE'S FIRST AEROPLANE FLIGHTS.

Commemorated on Monument.

Paris, December 22.
The Wilbur Wright ceremonies take place today at Le Mans, including the laying of the foundation of the monument to commemorate the first aeroplane flights from France in 1908.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

GERMAN AFFAIRS.

National Assembly Election.

Copenhagen, December 20.
A message from Berlin says the Soviet Congress by a large majority has passed a resolution that the National Assembly election be held on January 19.

Soviets a National Necessity.

Copenhagen, December 21.
A message from Berlin says that Herr Scheideemann's speech prior to the adoption of the National Assembly constitution, and Soviet were necessary institutions but they must not become permanent. The majority of the people disapproved of the Dictatorship, and only the National Assembly could bring peace and bread.

New German Foreign Minister.

Copenhagen, December 21.
A message from Berlin states that Count Ramm, ex-Ambassador to Copenhagen, has been appointed Foreign Minister.

A Relic of the Old Order.

Amsterdam, December 21.
The Grand Duke of Hesse is the only Federal Prince who has not abdicated. The Soviet threatens to expel or intern him unless he abdicates.

WAR-MAKERS TO BE PROSECUTED.

Amsterdam, December 21.

A message from Vienna says the Germano-Austrian National Assembly has adopted a Bill for the prosecution of the leaders responsible for the war.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN AUSTRIA.

Vienna, December 21.

The State Secretary for Social Welfare says there are at present 40,000 unemployed in Vienna and the number is increasing daily. In German Bohemia 25 per cent. of the working class are unemployed.

THE EX-KAISERIN.

Suffering from Heart Trouble.

Copenhagen, December 21.
The German newspapers state that the condition of the ex-Empress is critical, being due to her old heart trouble.

ANOTHER GERMAN NOTE TO U.S.A.

A Brand New Note.

Washington, December 21.
Despite Mr. Lansing's emphatic admonition that German communications should be addressed to all the Associated Governments, another appeal has been received from the German Government, regarding food and the modification of the Armistice terms. The State Department does not publish the Note because it violates the foregoing decision and does not differ from previous appeals, which are regarded as propaganda whereby the Berlin authorities are trying to escape the results of defeat.

PEARLS FOR RED CROSS.

Principal Necklace Fetches £22,000.

London, December 20.
The sale of pearls for the Red Cross Fund realised £24,492 at Christie's yesterday. The principal necklace fetched £22,000. Altogether, with the donations, the Red Cross has benefited \$190,000.

AUSTRALIA'S NAVAL POSITION.

Admiral Jellicoe Going to Australia.

Melbourne, December 20.
In the House of Representatives, the Hon. Mr. W. A. Watt announced that Admiral Jellicoe was leaving England for Australia in February to review the whole naval position of Australia. Australia was proud, he said, that her importance was deemed sufficient to justify the Admiralty in sending so illustrious a sailor, thereby insuring to Australia the best and most modern advice.

THE SILVER LINING IN COMMERCIAL SKY.

Supply of Shipping Shortly Will Exceed Demand.

London, December 20.
In a memorandum on the world's shipping published by Lloyd's and the Admiralty, Sir James Gleny Wilson argues that within a few months the supply of shipping for commerce will be greater than the demand as compared with the pre-war relationship, and that the freights will fall to the level of not much more than double the rates current before the war.

ROYAL WELCOME TO PRESIDENT WILSON.

Banquet at Buckingham Palace.

London, December 22.
His Majesty King George is giving a banquet at Buckingham Palace on the 27th in honour of President Wilson.
It is authoritatively stated that President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson arrive in London on the 27th on a four days' visit and will be the guests of their Majesties at Buckingham Palace.

SOVIETS IN GERMANY NOT RECOGNISED BY ALLIES.

A Stern Warning.

Amsterdam, December 20.
The Cologne Gazette states that 4,000 British troops occupy Solingen. The Allies have informed the Soviets that their members will be deported if they hamper the activities of the Burgomasters. They are forbidden to distribute leaflets or otherwise attempt to undermine loyalty to the Allied troops.
Herr Kuehner has formally notified the British O.A.S. that the Allies will not recognise the Soviet Government in Germany.

TELEGRAMS.

(Quote's Service to the "Telegraph.")
THE SILVER MARKET.
London, Dec. 20.
The silver market is quiet.

A CHILDREN'S TREAT.

Christmas Tree on City Service Ground.

While many of us have been speculating about the few months to go to whether our children will give us any increase or bonus this Christmas and have been for the purpose consulting Chinese astrologers and fortune-tellers, over a hundred children have been roasting the calendar in order to enjoy on Boxing Day the entertainment which is annually provided by the members of the Hongkong Civil Service Christmas Club to the children of the members. Yesterday was the fifteenth annual event.

King Sol appeared in all his brilliant and, but for the fact that His Majesty's father had been so graciously the day was an ideal one, and the way the little girls and boys entered into the fun and frolic made the writer yearn to live his childish days again.

The Christmas Tree on the ground, with its 113 prizes hung up by Father Christmas was the occasion of little eyes and in rejoicing their mothers tell them that it was rude to stare hard at it. Messrs. R. R. Wood and A. H. (Mr. Clowes) and H. Strange (Mr. Charles Chaplin) were responsible to a great extent for all the merriment, the innocent ripple and the hilarious laugh of the children. They kept the children's eyes fixed on the Christmas tree and the prizes hanging from it.

After the little ones had the big ones had taken of the sumptuous tea that was provided on the lawn, Mrs. Chatham distributed the prizes to the winners of tennis and bowls championships. Mr. B. W. Bradbury, it may be mentioned, won the tennis championship last year as well, and Mr. F. Bacon has won the bowls championship a record time. The following received their prizes from the hands of Mrs. Chatham:—

Tennis Championship:—B. W. Bradbury, winner; D. M. Goodall, runner-up.

Bowls Championship:—F. Bacon, F. Middleton, runner-up. Victoria Cup (bowls):—B. Danon, C. Sura, runner-up.

Pathe Cup (bowls):—B. Watt, J. Foulds, runner-up. Blake Cup (bowls):—J. Foulds, R. Danon and B. W. Bradbury (third prize).

Club Handicap (bowls):—B. Danon; J. Orr, runner-up. After the distribution of prizes the children eagerly gathered round to receive their prizes, the Christmas Tree being steadily stripped of its load.

To Messrs. P. T. F. Lumley, W. H. Woolly and R. R. Wood, are due great thanks for their indefatigable efforts in organizing the entertainment and making it another success.

The band of the 18th Infantry discoursed suitable selections of music during the afternoon.

His Excellency the Officer administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. Oswald S. Evans) arrived before the proceedings ended and after three cheers for His Excellency the Hon. Mr. W. H. Chatham (the President of the Club) and Mrs. Chatham a glorious day in the life of our children was brought to a close. Mrs. Chatham was the recipient of a nice bouquet after the termination of the proceedings.

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Royal Albert Hall—9.15 p.m.
Edwards and Mr. Kibb—9.15 p.m.

GENERAL NEWS.

More Gold Wanted.

A committee has been appointed to consider and report on the effect of the war on the gold production of the British Empire, with reference more particularly to the treatment of low grade ores and how far it may be of importance to national interests to secure the continuance of the treatment of such ores and generally how to stimulate the production of gold. The committee will comprise Lord Inchcape (chairman), Sir Thomas Elliott, Sir Charles Addis, and Mr. W. H. N. Goschen. Commemorations should be addressed to the Secretary, Gold Production Committee, Treasury, Whitehall.

A Temple of Fame.

To commemorate the services of the Lancashire regiments in the war it is proposed to build a "Temple of Fame" in Manchester. This would be the central portion of the City Art Gallery which the Corporation intend to build. The scheme, as approved by the Art Gallery Committee, is that names of all Lancashire regiments should form a part of the decorative work, and that some of the colours should rest there. A collection of war trophies would be included. On the walls there would be frescoes depicting some of the outstanding war incidents with which local regiments are specially associated. The last stand of the Manchester at Manchester Hill, the gallantry of the Lancashire Fusiliers at Thiepval, Territorial at Gallipoli, and "Lancashire Landing" by Lancashire Fusiliers on Gallipoli Peninsula, when the Victoria Cross was won by three men—have been mentioned as subjects which might be included.

Atlantic Air Post.

"Our overseas commerce will be vastly improved by aviation. Within a reasonable period of the end of the war we shall find all the principal mail lines fitted with aeroplanes." This is the view of Mr. D. H. Bernard, expressed in the current *Merchant Service Review*, of which he is a co-editor. "A liner leaving New York with urgent and important letters will be able," he writes, "to discharge them by aeroplane, 300 to 400 miles west of the Irish coast; within a few hours they can be delivered in London, thus effecting a saving in time of 24 hours. The same procedure can be carried out by a vessel bound to New York, its cargo within the bounds of possibility that letters posted in London can be delivered in New York within four days." At the outset, Mr. Bernard thinks this service will, no doubt, be subsidised by the Governments of both countries. He points out that it could be developed on routes to all parts of the world.

American and Chinese Soldiers Fraternise.

A pleasing incident in connection with the Chinese and Allied review of troops at Peking last Thursday has just been related. Perhaps for the first time in history, Chinese troops partook of foreign troops' hospitality on Thursday morning when, by invitation some 300 Chinese soldiers breakfasted in the mess of the American Legation Guard. The Chinese were so delighted at the hospitality extended to them that they lost no time in reciprocating and next day there arrived at the American Legation Guard barracks two chickens for each American and European Allied soldier and fifteen cows, sufficient to provide them with meat for a good meal. It will be noted that the Chinese did not limit their gifts to merely their American hosts. The latter undertook the distribution. By some mistake the three lonely cows in the Russian Legation received five "cows" instead of five "chickens". The spirit of all concerned is worthy of praise and it is hoped that it augurs happier relations in the future.

America's War Investments.

The annual report of the Secretary to the U. S. Treasury shows that America's financial position is strong despite the huge war expenditure which for the fifteen months ending June 30 was estimated at 13,222 million dollars, nearly half of which represents permanent investments such as ships, shipyards, military buildings, loans to Allies or American war industries. The loans to the Allies total 4,739 million dollars.

Burglar's Thanks for Cash.

A burglar, who broke into the kitchen of a house in Bellingham-road, Oxford, left this message in ink:—"Thanks very much for the money I have taken from you. Will pay it back some day. 27 4.1. Good-bye." Judging by the appearance of the kitchen the burglar had spent some time there, and had enjoyed himself thoroughly. He ate a substantial meal, cleaned his boots, and had a wash and brush up. Besides the money a watch and other property are missing.

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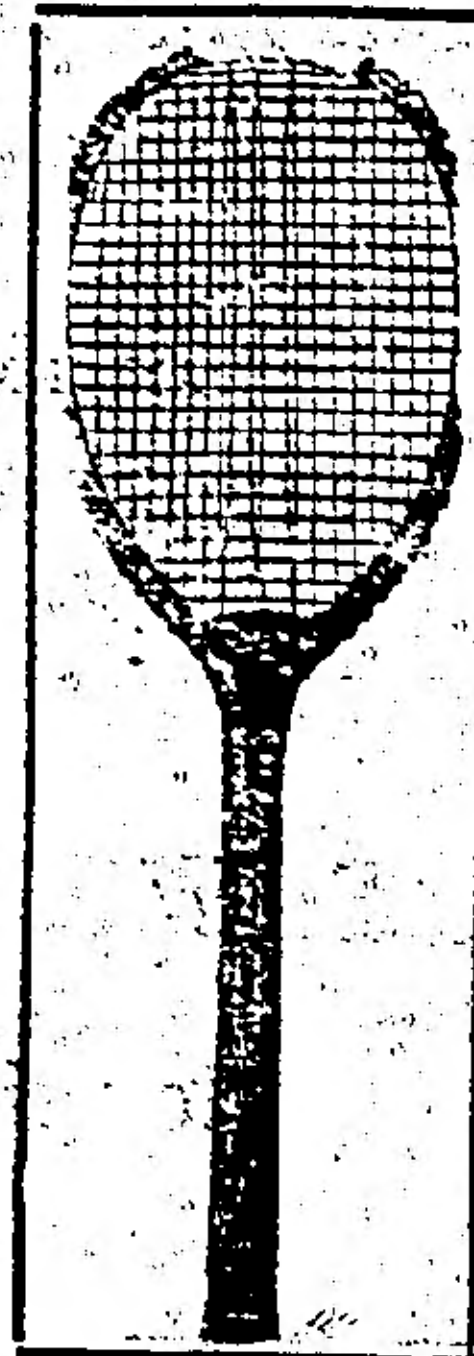
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TOD.—At No. 3 Queen's Gardens, Hongkong, on Thursday, 26th December 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Tod, a daughter.
HALLIFAX.—December 24th, at No. 61 The Peak, to Mr. and Mrs. Hallifax, a son.

DEATH.
HENRY.—At Singapore, on 23rd December, James Henry, Manager in Singapore of the South British Insurance Company Ltd.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1918.

HONGKONG'S SLAVE SYSTEM.

We have many times had occasion to deplore the fact that a system of servitude exists in Chinese domestic circles in Hongkong which is little, if at all, removed from actual slavery. We refer to the purchase of children and their subsequent employment in Chinese households as domestics. The system is, of course, an old one and is quite in accordance with Chinese custom, but at the same time it is not only out of tune with modern ideas of civilisation, but conflicts with British traditions of liberty and freedom. We see that this question has been taken up, in the course of a sermon by the Rev. V. H. Copley Moyle, who speaks only the bare truth when he says that Chinese girls in Hongkong are exchanged for a present of money and the person who gives that money is a slave-owner. Most appositely, he says that thousands of lives have recently been laid down so that liberty may not be crushed, and he pointedly puts the question whether we shall stand apathetically on one side while slavery is tolerated in this Colony.

We are quite aware that this is a big question and one which, were it tackled as it ought to be, would arouse considerable feeling among those who see, or profess to see, nothing wrong in "custom." But that fact should in no wise deter our legislators from taking steps to see that this abominable system is completely wiped out. There are no insuperable difficulties in the way of killing this totally un-British custom, for it would be an easy matter to pass a law prohibiting either the buying or selling of children and thereafter to bring machinery into being for ascertaining whether children employed as servants are so engaged by consent or whether they have been forced into such work against their own wills and inclinations. We know all the stock arguments which are applied in defence of this system of child-slavery, the principal one of which is that in most cases the girls are far better looked after in these households than they would be in their ordinary surroundings. But all these contentions are beside the point of principle involved. Children are openly sold into servitude, they have no say whatever in the matter and many of them are forced to spend their young lives within the four walls of their master's house without ever getting a glimpse of the outside world. In other words, they are slaves, and nothing but slaves. It is true that the system does not conflict with Chinese ideas, but the point is that it is absolutely contrary to the British belief that there is no place for slavery where the Union Jack flies. One of the secrets of British colonising success has been that we have always been careful to respect and preserve the customs and rights of subject races, but always with the proviso that such customs and rights do not outrage civilised and humane ideals. In some of the Colonies which we have conquered in this war, systems of slavery have been quite common, but does anyone imagine that if these Colonies remain in our hands we shall allow a perpetuation of these practices? Then why is slavery permitted to go unchecked in Hongkong after three quarters of a century of British occupation? There is no defence to the system. It demands abolition.

We can hardly agree with Mr. Moyle when he suggests that the existence of this system of slavery in Hongkong is largely unknown. Not once, but many times, has it been exposed in the local Press. There may be a pretty number of Britons who are not brought sufficiently into touch with Chinese life to become acquainted with the whole facts, but the Chinese and missionary organisations have known all about it for many long years. It is a reproach to them and to those of the general community who are aware of the situation that nothing has been done to force it upon the consideration of the authorities. Unless we are content to appear as hypocrites before the native population, we must see to it that this evil, with this ancient malice, is rooted out once and for all.

Ships for Trade.

Few Reuters' messages would be read with keener interest by members of the mercantile community than that which, appearing amongst the cables published to-day, gives us an assurance that shortly the supply of shipping will exceed the demand. Merchants may rub their eyes when reading this, but nevertheless it shows that no consideration whatever has been allowed to interfere with the fullest possible exploitation of our present ship-building resources. Our heavy losses in mercantile shipping are being made good and everything possible is being done to make up the deficiency. Although it will be some time before the ships chartered by the Government for the transportation of troops and war materials are released, the situation, it must be confessed, so far as mercantile shipbuilding is concerned, is hopeful. In the United Kingdom there are tremendous resources and facilities for the production of sea-going tonnage, but at the present time shortage of labour and material is restricting the output. With more material and more workmen a very much larger amount of tonnage could be placed in the water. We must not be impatient for immediate and visible results of the new system. Some time will elapse before it gets into smooth running order. The shipyards are now fully busy repairing the ravages of the U-boat warfare and the Government's programme of mercantile construction is being pushed on hurriedly in order to catch the trade tide after Peace is signed. Great Britain's past victories were won because she always put her power first. Sea-power in its broadest, truest sense is exemplified just as much by the humble tramp steamer as by the stately battleship and never before has intimate association between fighting ship and cargo ship been so clearly revealed. Victory in trade after the war is tonnage, and tonnage is trade victory.

What of the Disabled?
The rehabilitation of the returned soldier is not the least of the problems concerned with after-war conditions. The question is of such proportion and magnitude that we have ceased asking "What shall we do with the returned soldier?" and instead we are asking "What will the returned soldier do with us?" As far as possible we ought to take it for granted that the mendicant to return quickly to civilian life and once more pursue the ordinary walks of society. While justly proud of having faithfully performed their duty and done their "bit" there will be no necessity to impose upon society. Among those who have come back from the front are many thousands who, while they are anxious to return to society, are disabled to such an extent as to prevent them from following their previous occupations. The problem, then, is to find some occupation in which these unfortunate men can earn a living as competently trained men. The Canadian Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment had on April 30 approved of re-education courses for 3,681 Canadian soldiers disabled as to render them unable to resume their previous civil occupations. At that date 1,956 courses were proceeding. Of these 1,839 were discharged men in receipt of vocational pay and allowances, and the rest were patients in military hospitals.

Civil Requirements First.
The Lord's Commission of the Army Council recently accepted as the basis of their plans for demobilisation the principle that, when a lasting peace has been assured, men must be released from the forces in accordance with civil rather than military or naval requirements. In order to help the soldiers and sailors to get back into civil life as quickly and as easily as possible, the Ministry of Labour proposes to use the machinery of the employment exchanges.

We must not be misled by the fact that the machinery to be utilized will be such as to enable the Government to cope with the problems of re-settlement ever the whole world of industry and such as to be in harmony with national and local requirements.

DAY BY DAY.

HOPE TELLS A FLATTERING TALE.
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To-morrow's Anniversary.
To-morrow is the anniversary of the opening of the Tay Bridge (1879).

The Dollar.
The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was \$2.4. 7/16d.

Rate Summonses.
The Assistant Crown Solicitor, Mr. Leo Longinotto, summoned on behalf of the Colonial Treasurer, nine Chinese for rates, in the Summary Court, this morning.

Typhoon Warning.
The following telegram was received by the U.S. Consulate General, Hongkong, from the Manila Observatory at 11.50 a.m. yesterday:—Cyclone or typhoon near or over northern Palawan, moving S.W.

War Bond Issue Ceasing.
We are informed by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation that they have received advice by wire from their London office that the present issue of National War Bonds will cease on 18th January.

Times are changed, and we are changed with them. It is surprising to find Christmas pass so soberly. Only one European had the pleasure of being taken to the Police Station and that was at 2 a.m. yesterday after a spree in "Lyndhurst Terrace." His clothes spoke of the debauchery he had indulged in on Christmas Day.

Boxing Challenge Accepted.
A short time ago, a challenge appeared in the Telegraph from Mr. Parker of the S.S. Admiral Sims, to box anyone in the Colony at 123 lbs. Stoker Neil, B.N., now intimates that he will box Mr. Parker at 130 lbs. for a substantial sum of money.

Sanitary Matters.
In connection with the resolutions relative to overcrowding in the City of Victoria, passed at a meeting of the Sanitary Board on November 26, the Colonial Secretary has replied stating that the Secretary of State for the Colonies has been requested, by telegram, to expedite the return of certain members of the Staff of the Sanitary Department who left for active service, the local Government being of opinion that suitable persons for temporary employment are not forthcoming. The subject of overcrowding is now under consideration by the Government.

Hypnotist's Visit.
Those interested in hypnotic experiments will be pleased to hear that the management of the Victoria Theatre has engaged the services of Mr. V. Gramby, a Russian artist, for the nights of the 30th and 31st inst. Mr. Gramby claims to work on hypnotic principles having no connection with jugglery. He will give many astounding demonstrations, including the temporary despatch of various parts of the body, and making the pulse of the right arm register at 120 per minute whilst that of the other does not register at all. He will invite medical men to inspect and investigate his feats.

Christmas Accidents.
Motor accidents are becoming very common in the Colony. Christmas Day was ideal for motor spins and several availed themselves of this privilege. Mr. George Martin, while out in his motor cycle with his wife and child on Tai Po Road had the unfortunate experience of being run into by motor car No. 26. The collision was severe, knocking down the cyclist and sending the child into the air and landing the child in hospital suffering from injuries to his head and limbs.

ROBBIES' LETTER: XVII.

To his Nephew in an English Hospital.

Hongkong, 26th Dec. 1918.

Dear Allick,
I was very pleased to see from your last letter that your knee is mending. It was hard lines, but like the case of the chap that dreamt that he was dead and had had a personal interview with the taipan bottomsides—it might have been worse. For a long time now, hospitals have become quite the rage among our best people. Almost all our upper classes are staying in them—bless them. Mind ye, I've no much time for them sort of places, myself, but for riding yourself of useless trimmings, finding out about yourself, your constitution and interior decoration scheme, hospital treatment takes a lot of beating. Let me give you a tip—never you get up at meal-times, it betrays a base army origin and smoking a day pipe in bed is considered *infra dig* in the best places, besides being bad for the breath. No, you insist on having your meals served as you recline on your cot. In that way only can the morale of the *prætorian* be kept up. How'd you like my Frodo? I learnt all that sort of stuff from the cables during the Great War. Truly Reuter has a lot to account for, mind I'm telling ye. But as I was saying you want to keep your wit about ye in your place even to keeping sweet w' the doctors. But don't overdo it, mind. It's true that doctors are only human, after all, and like the rest of us, susceptible to flattery now and then, but don't make the mistake of telling him that you've heard about him before and how that your sister's brother-in-law said that he'd never forget what a fine job he made of his horse. That sort of thing's no apt to put him at his ease even if in the long run it helps you to appreciate fine surgery.

Janet's a bit disappointed not hearing about you nurse she's set her mind on. I just keep telling her to have patience—it's maybe just as well anyhow. Take plenty of time; a proposal when you're nearly better is not nearly so dangerous as one when you're just coming out of chloroform—in that case you're very apt to have a case of mistaken identity on your hands.

But Janet here says it would be better if I kept my chap advice to myself and tell you the news instead.

Well, what news is there at Christmas time here, anyway, except eating and, oh I nearly forgot—the pictures? Aye, man, I've been through a few square meals since I last wrote you and I've got to the stage now that if I saw a turkey coming down our road I would turn to the side for very shame's sake, and as for mince pies, the very thought of them makes me feel ill. Mind ye very keen on my ohw, though, on the other hand, w' some folks the most interesting thing they read is the menu and whether to have lobster in cocktail form or is Newburg is perhaps the most serious problem of their work-a-day life.

Macpherson would have Janet and I along to the Hotel for show on Christmas night. Janet wasna for going at first, but I pointed out that it would be a pity no to go after Mac making up his mind to wear a stiff frosted shirt besides Mrs. Macpherson makes a charming hostess even if she is in the 24th class. So if we went, but no, mind ye, before we looked up wee Jean's scooter and hid Jimmie's drum for fear they would make a noise when we were out and annoy the Police Reserve that "usually" comes round about ten o'clock. Janet said if there was one cheap out of their heads before morning it would be a great deal for them and I thought to myself "Macpherson and me" say when you're at it.

Aye, but it was a fine turn-out, two gentlemen in party time. Macpherson was a good deal of a showman, which was what the Reserve wanted to see. The Reserve from the last year's season.

I suppose, how completely at home he was in the upper crust of society. I never let on, but I was glad all the same, after an odd sherry or two, that old Mac was his usual self again. I think there's nothing so disturbing to established routine as a sudden burst of sobriety, and as it is a time-honoured custom in the Macpherson family that every gentleman must have a merry taste in his mouth as he moves towards his bath in the morning, you couldn't wish for better company than him at a dinner. Mac says he can take a drink and leave it alone, but believe me there's very few of Mac's drinks that are home-made orphans, so to speak. Anyway as he would say himself let's get on w' it and let joy be unrefined. It was a good dinner and our host had a good get-away from the post, and paying attention to no one, except when Mrs. Mac brought him up to the execution of his duties and a realisation as to where he was, with an extra hard kick under the table. I put my foot in the harmony early in the game. "Harry up w' your soup Mac," says I, "there's a gentleman over there that canna hear the band and this is his favourite tune." But Mac never let on except to deny that he was trying a race w' anyone. Janet kept telling me to behave and how rude it was to act that way at table. "What's wrong w' ye anyway?" says Mac. "You seem to be suffering from loss of appetite." "No," says I, a bit put out. "What I'm suffering from is no loss of any such thing. What I'm suffering from is politeness." Let me tell you, Allick, the trouble about table manners is that they were invented by folk who were never hungry. But you can get used to it. You can get used to most anything after a long while—even mental indigestion. Well the dinner lasted exactly two hours and fourteen minutes and Janet's eyes an unqualified success if Mac hadn't been twice interrupted in the agreeable labour of polishing a bone according to the well known process invented by Adam and there had been some chicken in the chicken pie. But as I said to her when we got home again, in hotels it's no necessary that there need be any such thing. There's no collage in a college pudding and no dog is a dog biscuit—at least no that you'd notice it.

Well, after we had eased the groaning table a bit, Mac says "What about a bit spin in the car?" "Can do," says I, "if you feel up to it." But the women-folk had other fish to fry. No, it was too cold for them to be a sing in a motor at that time of night, never y' say etable Mrs. Macpherson said. I said nothing, of course, but thought afterwards that a run round to Aberdeen is perhaps the most likely place to throw off a new diamond pendant (a few Chinese workmen will have to work a bit harder and longer to make up the price of your diamond, but mine's the word) and another thing fresh air is all very well in its way but it plays the devil w' hairwaving, barber done, at a dollar a spot, so the ladies voted for the pictures and Mac had no objections, thinking no doubt that he may as well sleep there as anywhere else. So we got tickets and went to the New Orchest Picture House that was showing "Jot and the Beanstalk." I've said there's no cure for intelligence like an hour at the cinematograph. But after seeing you picture I must draw that back, for you don't need intelligence to see you picture—you only want enough childlikeness left to take you back to the good old pantomime days when ye were a youngster and sat in the gods throwing orange peel on the folk below and going home that night and dreaming about the "boy" in tights and long white faced boots. I used to say wonder how you pantomime "boys" could wriggle about and so smart their legs, but they never did, with, maybe, for as well as the circumstances.

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A BOXING DAY WEDDING.

Mr. Robert Ross—Miss Robson.

A wedding on Boxing Day is a happy idea. Hyman had a holiday yesterday, for he was busy at St. John's Cathedral when he joined in marriage Mr. Robert Ross B.A. (Oxon) of the Shanghai Public School, son of the late Mr. Johnston Ross, of Sunderland, England, and Miss Anne Daxfield Robson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Robson, of Kowloon.

The bride looked extremely sweet in a dress of white satin veiled with georgette and silver lace with a train of white satin lined with georgette and embroidered with silver, and an embroidered full veil with orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of white roses, chrysanthemums and maidenhair fern.

The bridesmaids, the Misses Annie Parkes and Florrie Neave, were tastefully attired, the former in a dress of pale blue georgette and lace, and the latter in pale blue embroidered French crepe, with hats to match. They carried baskets of pink roses.

The bride's mother was gowned in navy blue crepe satin and georgette with a hat of white corded silk and black velvet. She carried a bouquet of violets.

The bride was given away by her father, and Mr. J. S. Keith discharged the duties of the "best man."

The service, which was conducted by the Rev. Copley Moyle, was entirely choral, the hymns "O Perfect Love" and "The voice that Breathed o'er Eden" being sung, Mr. W. J. Dexter being at the organ.

After the ceremony, a reception was held at the Hongkong Hotel, from where the happy pair left for the Peak, where they are staying for a few days prior to their departure for Shanghai. The bride's going away costume was of pale blue crepe satin, embroidered and trimmed with fur and a hat of cream georgette and nigger brown velvet. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a diamond ring and to the bridesmaids he gave gold curb bracelets. The bride presented the bridegroom with a gold wristlet watch.

As stick to the w' in the meantime. All the same, you picture house has made a good start and it'll be a perfect God-send when we'll be able to go and see the pictures without seeing a drunkard stagger to his doom in five reels or Miss Ruby Black face sore death and destruction in serial form in fifteen different and impossible ways. Of late in Hongkong cinema frightfulness has been horribly heartrending and whether this new theatre w' its new departure will be a success remains to be seen. Art has degenerated. Nowadays it is a strictly commercial proposition. So the Crown folk cannot be expected to run a perfectly good theatre "Pro Bono Publico." But it would certainly seem from the look of things that there's room for any art they can give us—and the further removed from the 20 and 30 cent class the better we'll be pleased. But art-printers don't capitalise the word nowadays—requires a bank roll and Hongkong folks need some missionary work in an artistic sense before dividends on Art Pictures can be looked for. There are some forms of art which are cheaper than others. For instance, you can specialise in classic dancing very cheaply—even the costumes don't cost much, and they can be used at night to keep the new gals "sexy" but not twentieth century art is reserved for those who can afford to show their taste in the most expensive way. The new theatre is a good thing, but it's a long way from the old picture house.

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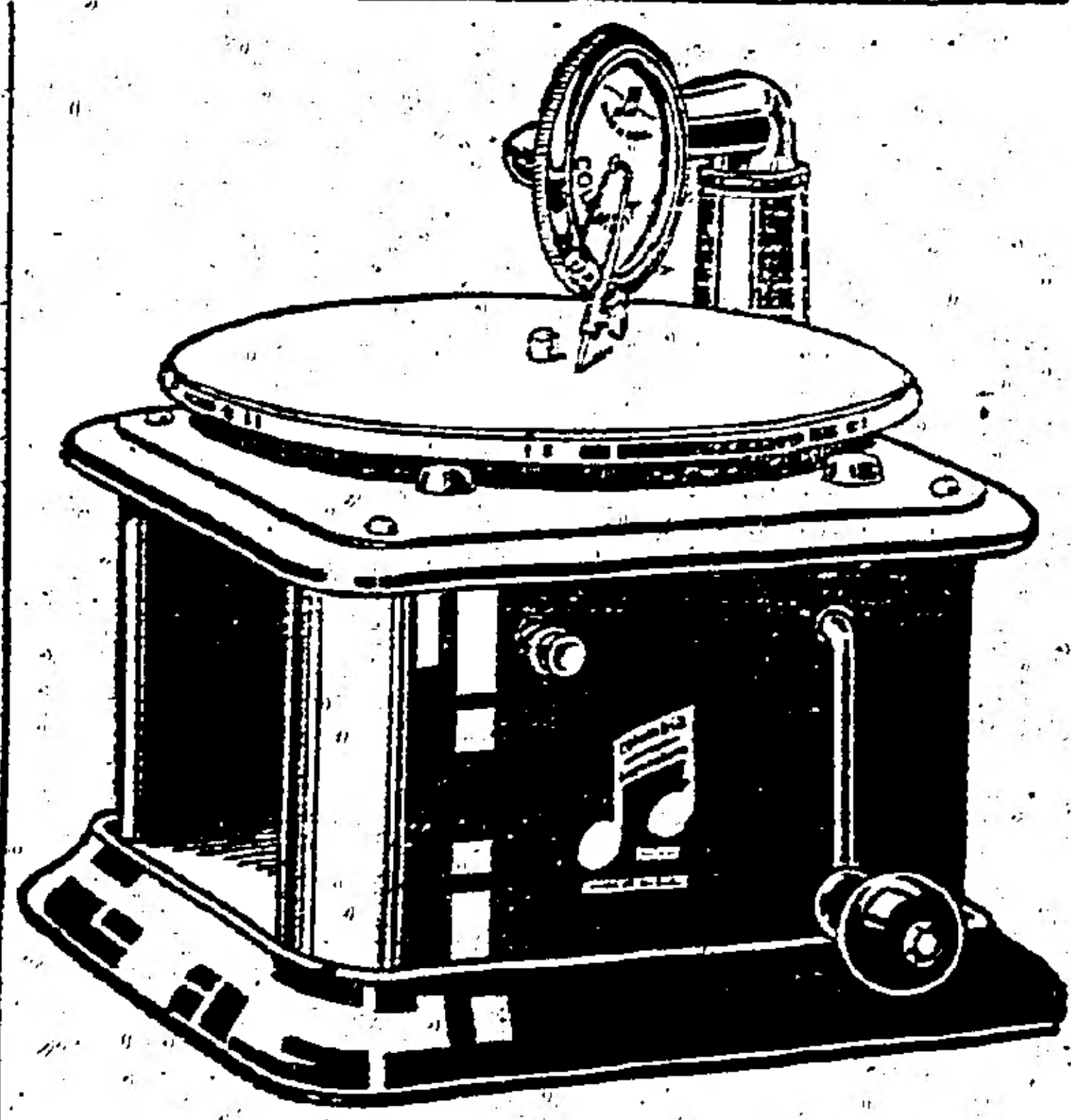
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SHIPPING NEWS.

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423ft. long and 51ft. broad, with
26ft. 1 1/2 in. cargo depth. She is
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struction is designed to give a
stronger ship, with clearer hold
space, and greater cargo-carrying
capacity for the same displace-
ment. She will carry ordinary
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Direct Shipments to Mexico.

There have been no direct
sailings for Mexico for some time,
and it has been necessary to
route all cargo for the market via
New York. In the present
circumstances this method of
shipment imposes heavy disab-
ilities upon shippers—to name one
alone; it is necessary to take out
in the United States both import
and export licences, although the
goods are merely in transit
through the United States port.
Urgent representations having
been made to the Ministry of
Shipping by the British com-
mercial community interested in
Mexico, it is hoped that at least
one direct sailing to Mexico will
be allowed, but in view of the
present shortage of tonnage, an
assurance that sufficient cargo
will be offered to justify such a
course is desired. Shippers are
therefore requested to advise the
Secretary of the Liverpool Cham-
ber of Commerce of all cargo
that they may have available
within the next few weeks for
such direct sailing.

Traders With Latin America.

The following letter from the
Foreign Trade Department,
Bridgewater House, St. James's,
S. W. 1, dated 11th October, 1918,
has been received by the Liver-
pool Chamber of Commerce—
"With reference to the super-
vision of the imports of certain
Syrian and other firms in the
Plate I am directed by Mr.
Balfour to say for the in-
formation of the members of
your Chamber that his Majesty's
Consul-General at Buenos Ayres
when legalising the importers'
guarantees gives to each separate
importer in the Argentine a serial
number which the importer's
firm. In order to facilitate the
work of supervision it has now
been decided that all goods
shipped from this country coming
under these regulations shall be
stamped with the serial number
corresponding to the consignee's
name. The number must be
stamped in a circle three inches
in diameter on all textile piece
goods, and in the case of sundries
or other goods on each box,
packet or package."

Indian Shipbuilding Outlook.

"Unfortunately," writes a
correspondent in the "Journal of
Commerce," there does not now
seem to be much prospect of a
substantial increase in India's
shipbuilding output—at all events
for some time to come. Never-
theless, it is a fact that the
responsible authorities here have
made, and are making, every
effort to induce firms at Karachi,
Madras, Bombay, Calcutta, and
elsewhere to take up construction
work on a large scale, and are
being strongly supported by
Colonel Macgregor, Controller of
the Admiralty Construction
Branch in India, who has already
made a thorough survey of the
situation in all its aspects. All
the same, the Indian Government
has been compelled to inform the
Secretary of State that it has
arrived at the conclusion that
local resources under present
war conditions cannot economi-
cally be turned to account in this
direction. The chief troubles
would seem to arise out of the
provision of skilled labour and
materials, which were adequate
enough in the days when ships
were built of wood, many of them
being for the old East India
Company. The cost of migration
to steel would, it is urged, be
much too costly under the
circumstances, and particularly
considering that peace may not
now be long delayed. Of late
however, many barges and small
craft have been built in India of
wood for employment in the
Persian Gulf, as well as in the
Tigris and Euphrates."

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Mon. 23	5.15	4.15	Wed. 25	5.15	4.15
Tue. 24	5.15	4.15	Thurs. 26	5.15	4.15
Wed. 25	5.15	4.15	Fri. 27	5.15	4.15
Thurs. 26	5.15	4.15	Sat. 28	5.15	4.15
Fri. 27	5.15	4.15	Sun. 29	5.15	4.15

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aged packages are to be left
in the Godown where they
will be examined by Messrs.
Goddard & Douglas, on 31st
December 1918, at 9.30 A.M.
Claims against the steamer must
be presented within 30 days of
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and is due here on the 27th instant at
about afternoon.The China Mail S.S. Co. in receipt of a
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to effect that the S.S. CHINA arrived at
this port on December 17th.The China Mail S.S. Co. is in receipt of a
telegram from the Yokohama office
stating that the S.S. MANILU arrived
from that port for Hongkong on Dec. 26,
via Shanghai and Manila.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

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SPAIN'S PREMIER.

Confers With President Wilson.

Paris, December 21.
Count Romanones has conferred with President Wilson.
Views on Peace Questions.

Paris, December 21.

Count Romanones interviewed by the *Matin*, said that Spain
being practically an island the "Freedom of the Seas" is a condition
of her existence. It is, therefore, vitally of importance that she
should attend the Peace Conference.

A Convenient Visit.

Paris, December 23.

The visit to Paris of Count Romanones is recognised as ex-
tremely convenient to Spain, who was guilty during the war and
must ask pardon for her faults. Count Romanones left Paris yes-
terday morning by motor car for Rheims and Chateau Thierry.
When returning to Paris, he said no Spaniard seeing Rheims could
be Pro-German. --Havas.

Political Future of Mediterranean.

Paris, December 22.

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tremely convenient to Spain, who was guilty during the war and
must ask pardon for her faults. Count Romanones left Paris yes-
terday morning by motor car for Rheims and Chateau Thierry.
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be Pro-German. --Havas.

YACHT RACING.

America Declines Lipton's Challenge.

New York, December 20.

The Yacht Club has declined Sir Thomas Lipton's challenge
for the America Cup for 1919, but will accept it if it is renewed
in 1920.In its letter declining the challenge, the Yacht Club says it
considers the present circumstances render the present time inappro-
priate for such a purely sporting event.

WILL BRITAIN GIVE UP GIBRALTAR?

Important Negotiations with Spain.

Paris, December 21.

The well known writer, M. Pertinax, in the *Echo de Paris*,
comments on the discussions at present proceeding between Spain
and France, in which Great Britain is also concerned as guarantor
of the Franco-Spanish Agreements regarding Morocco and as
guardian of Gibraltar. He asserts that the British and French
Cabinets are engaged in taking away from Egyptian and Moroccan
institutions all elements of the international regime, which perhaps
indicates the direction being followed. He believes that there can
solely be a question of an exchange of equivalent advantages. He
refers to certain English reports that Great Britain is considering
the abandonment of Gibraltar owing to the range of modern guns
whereby it largely loses its strategic value. This would heal the
Spanish wound and Great Britain might be compensated with
Cuba or some other point on the Moroccan Coast and also pecuniary
compensation which would enable her to continue her role in the
Mediterranean, but this is only one of the terms of a settlement
designed to cover a very much wider field.

BRITISH NAVY TO VISIT AMERICA.

Preliminary Review in British Waters.

London, December 21.

Although there has been no official announcement on the
matter, it is regarded as certain that a powerful British fleet,
comprising the latest types of heavy ships and other units, will
visit America. The American Admirals, whose ships formed part
of the British Sixth Battle Squadron, are so impressed by Great
Britain's naval might that they are extremely anxious that the
American people should see it for themselves before it leaves
for America.However, there will be a great review in British waters of the
British Naval forces that have fought in the war.The report that the British Fleet will subsequently visit the
British Dominions is generally believed. If such a tour is
undertaken, it is probable that the Fifth Battle Squadron, composed
of the Royal Sovereigns and the latest battleships and also the Fifth
Battle Squadron consisting of ships of the Queen Elizabeth class,
will participate.

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aged packages are to be left in
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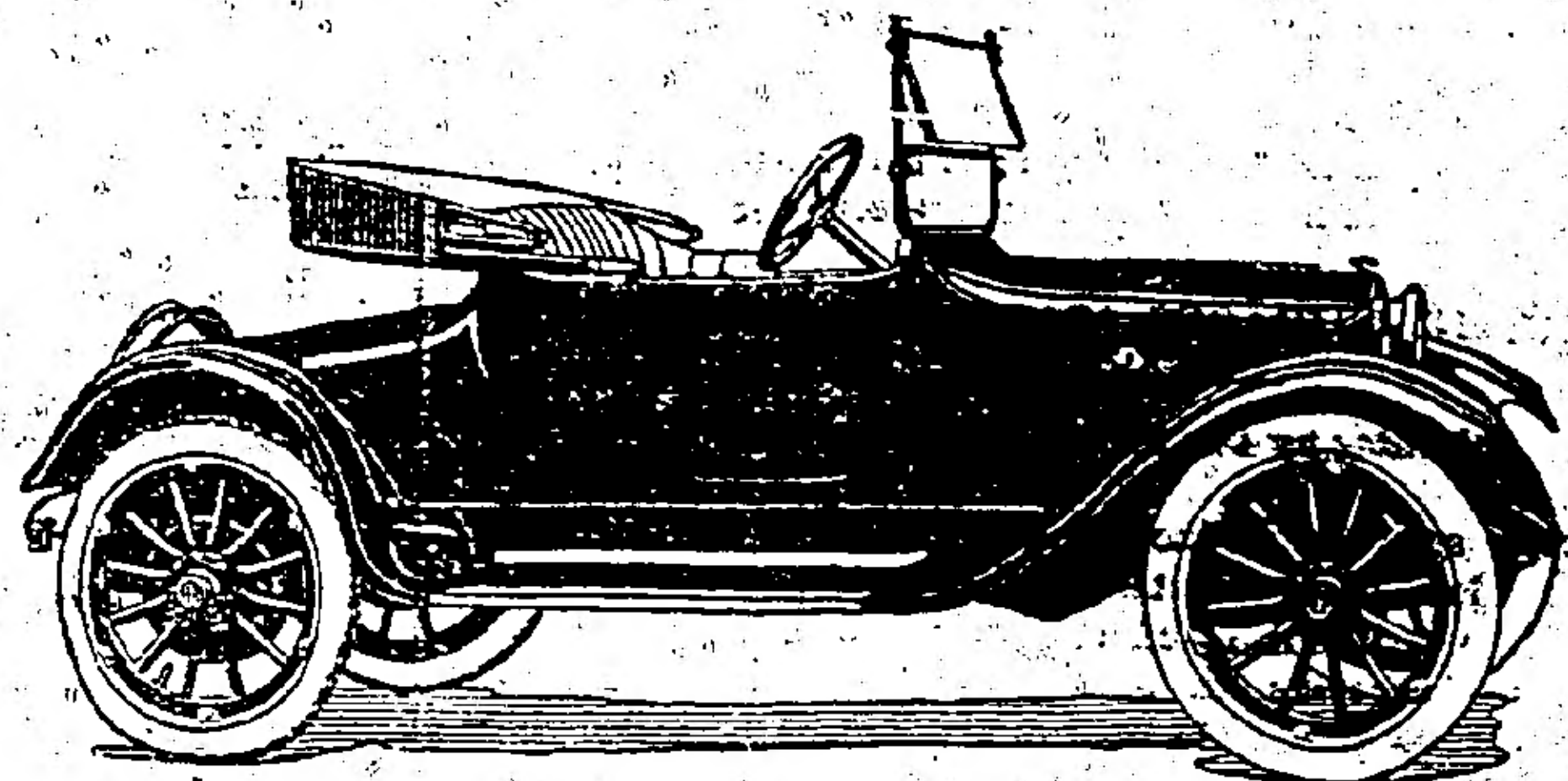
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dows, and all Goods remaining
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signed on or before the 6th
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be recognized.All broken, chafed and dam-
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DOCK NO. 3	100'	20'	10'	10'	10'
DOCK NO. 4	100'	20'	10'	10'	10'
DOCK NO. 5	100'	20'	10'	10'	10'
DOCK NO. 6	100'	20'	10'	10'	10'
DOCK NO. 7	100'	20'	10'	10'	10'
DOCK NO. 8	100'	20'	10'	10'	10'
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Magnificent Film Screened.

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watchman.

Revolver Course.

No Guards will be detailed for
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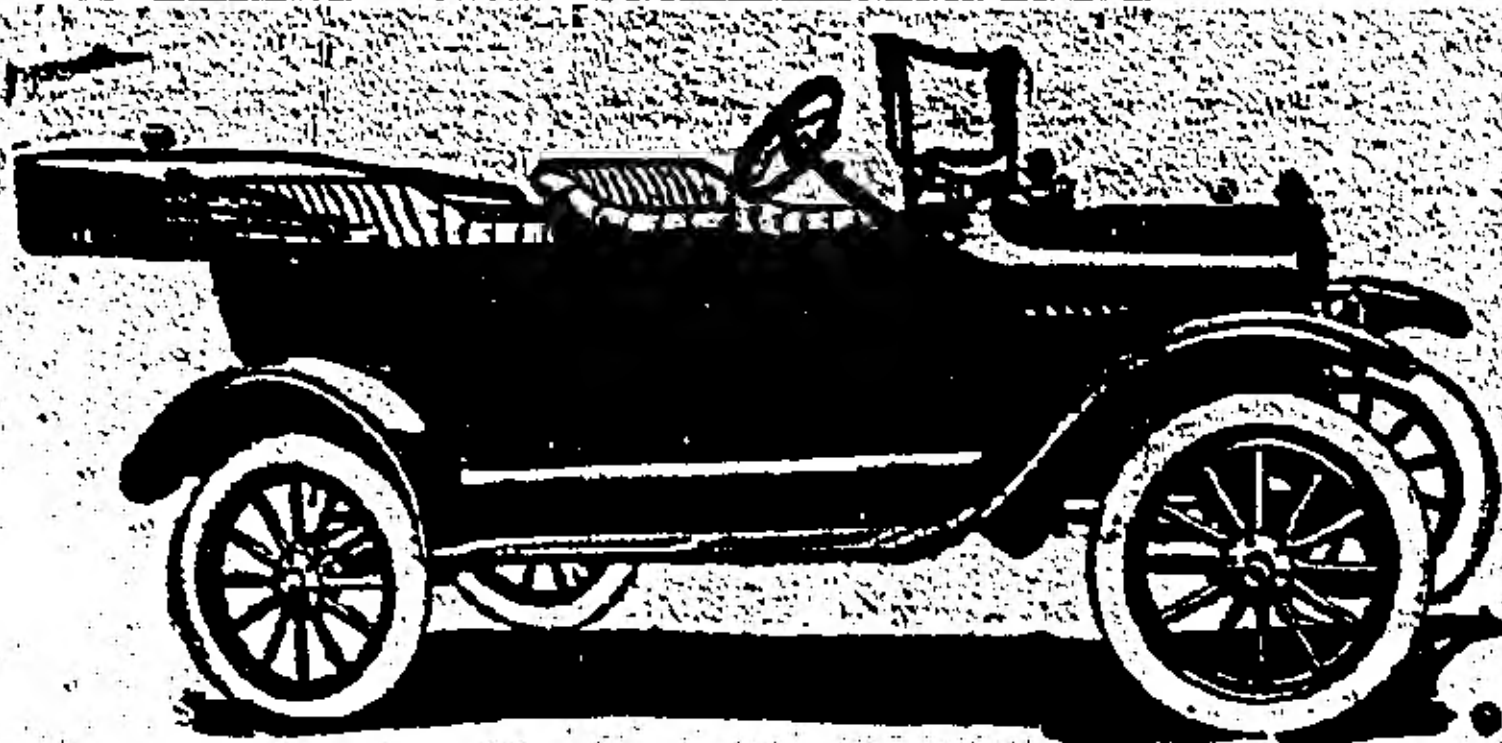
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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 7.)

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Method of Procedure Outlined.

Paris, December 23.

The *Matin* gives information concerning the manner in which the promoters of the Society of Nations will proceed. Firstly, the Allied Governments will state the fundamental rule that peoples have a right to dispose of themselves; consequently the limitation of armaments must be by compulsory arbitration. Secondly, the enemy Powers will be ordered to accept fundamental principles and then details of the Peace Treaty will be discussed. Thirdly, a universal Conference will decide relations between the peoples, neutral Powers being able to present Germany's admission will only be discussed after the total punishment indemnities have been paid.

Suggested Postponement Until After Peace.

Washington, December 21.

Mr. Lodge, the Republican leader, addressing the Senate, advocated a postponement of the League of Nations until after peace declaring that it should be considered separately later.

BOLSHEVIK OUTRAGES AGAINST FRENCHMEN.

Warning by the French Government.

Paris, December 21.

The *Matin* says the French Government has sent a wireless message to the Bolshevists that they will be held personally responsible for every outrage committed against Frenchmen, and also that the number of Bolshevists on board a vessel about to depart to Russia will not be permitted to depart, but be interned, unless Frenchmen in Russia are immediately liberated.

ENFORCING THE ARMISTICE TERMS.

Paris, December 23.

A Note issued in Paris yesterday states that a French Naval Division of five ships, including the armoured cruiser *Montcalm*, is on its way to the Baltic, the object of the visit being to see that the conditions of the Armistice are carried out and to make sure of the repatriation of prisoners.—*Havas*.

NO CHRISTMAS REVELS IN FRANCE.

Paris, December 23.

It is officially announced that the traditional Christmas Eve revels will not be allowed, when the Army is not demobilised. Public sentiment is against public rejoicings and refreshment places are closed as usual.—*Havas*.

AERIAL FLIGHT TO THE EAST.

London, December 23.

The Press Bureau states that the Handley-Page aeroplane en route to the East has reached Egypt. Owing to the weather, the machine flew via Sicily and Malta and stopped for a night on each of the islands.

ESSEN MINES STORMED BY CROWDS.

Amsterdam, December 21.

The strike at the mines near Essen led to severe riots. A crowd arrested the Soviet. Others stormed the mines, but were driven off by machine-guns.

RUMANIAN REFORMS.

London, December 18 (delayed).

Reuter's correspondent at Jassy says the Premier, M. Bratianu, is submitting the policy of the new Government, promised universal suffrage, the breaking up of large estates and their distribution among the peasants.

BELGIANS IN GERMANY.

London, December 23.

A Belgian communique states:—The First Cavalry Brigade entered Germany and has reached Dalsdorf.

BOHEMIA FOR CZECHS.

Amsterdam, December 18 (delayed).

A message from Prague says Dr. Kramariz, Premier of the Czechoslovak Republic, replying to a German deputation, said the Entente had allotted entire Bohemia to the Czechoslovak State. The ideal of self-determination belonged to the future and would not apply to Bohemia.

1915 AND 1914 STAR FOR FORCES AND NURSES.

London, December 23.

The Admiralty announces that His Majesty the King approves the award of the 1914 and 1915 Star in bronze for officers and men of the Navy, including the Dominion forces, pilots, observers, men of the Naval Air Service, the Mercantile Marine, officers and men serving under special naval engagements, canteen staffs who served on board warships at sea, all in respect of operations in France, Belgium, Eastern Europe, including Gallipoli, Egypt, Africa, Asia, the Australasian theatre, including German New Guinea, Bismarck Archipelago, Nauru and German Samoa.

London, December 22.

The War Office says His Majesty the King has approved of the award of the 1914 and 1915 star for the Army similar to the Navy (already awarded), including the Dominion and Indian forces and 13 nurses.

GERMANY'S CONTRITE HEART.

380 Million Francs Restored to Belgium.

Brussels, November 21.

Germany has restored 380,000,000 francs to the Belgian Government.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

RUSSIA'S GREATEST CATASTROPHE.

Allied Intervention Imperative.

Rome, December 20.

M. Milamoff, the ex-Russian Foreign Minister, in an interview, declared that Russia was threatened with the most appalling catastrophe in history. Allied intervention was absolutely imperative. A small effort would have saved Russia a year ago, but to-day a strong Army is required. Allied Labour and Socialist opposition to the intervention was due to an erroneous belief that Bolshevism was Socialism. Bolshevism was not economic progress but a terrible set-back. Ninety-nine per cent. of the population in Russia, including the Moderate Socialists, favoured Allied intervention.

POLISH TROOPS AT DANZIG.

Copenhagen, December 20.

A message from Berlin says that 50,000 Polish troops under General Haller have landed at Danzig. Presumably, this refers to the Polish Army organised in France.

London, December 21.

Reuter's Agency is informed from Polish official quarters that yesterday's cabled report emanating from Berlin regarding the landing of Poles at Danzig and Tarnobrzeg is untrue. It is merely to be regarded as another example of German propaganda.

ROYAL MESSAGE TO THE FORCES.

London, December 24.

His Majesty the King has sent the following message to the Forces:—
"Another Christmas has come round. We are no longer fighting. God has blessed our efforts. Their Majesties specially greet the disabled, sick and wounded and hope they will be cheered with the vision of the good days of peace for which they sacrificed so much."

BOLSHEVIK LITERATURE FOR SWEDISH CONSUMPTION.

Stockholm, December 21.

The Finnish authorities at Helsinki have arrested five Russian carriers, whose luggage contained Bolshevist literature intended for distribution in Sweden.

REPATRIATION OF WAR PRISONERS AND CIVILIANS.

Over Ten Thousand Since Armistice

London, December 23.

The Press Bureau states that since the Armistice 5,288 officers, 99,247 men and 4,201 civilians have been repatriated. A special committee has been appointed to advise further steps to trace missing men.

TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

(Wah Tsai Po's Service).

Shanghai, December 26.—The Allied Powers will hand in a second Note upon the peace delegates' departure for Nanking in order to hasten the opening of the Conference.

The Government has decided that the peace delegates shall have full power to settle matters relating to military affairs, local reorganisation, and financial adjustment, but questions concerning the constitution of Parliament and the appointment of high officials must be referred to the Central Government before settlement.

The President submits proposals to the General Staff recommending reducing the whole country's soldiery to 50 Divisions, abolishing the Taichang system and dividing the country into nine military districts.

FOOTBALL SHIELD.

The Boxing Day Matches. Navy, 1; H.G.A., 1. Kowloon, 1; Hongkong Club, 4. South China, 0; St. Joseph's College, 0.

Our reports of the matches are held over until to-morrow.

Prominent Chinese Assassinated. A telegram received from Shanghai to-day states that Fook Wing, a director of the China Mail S.S. Co., has been assassinated in San Francisco. The assassin is still at large.

Suicide by Hanging. A Chinese, aged 27, evidently a mendicant, was found by the Police hanging by the neck from the branch of a tree in Stanley Road. His body was recovered to the mortuary.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

First Day of Defence Corps Meeting.

The Defence Corps Rifle Meeting opened yesterday. The Commandant's Competition was fired for in the morning, No. 8 Platoon being first, No. 5 Platoon second and No. 4 Platoon third. Lance Corporal F. O. Goodman wins the special prize for the highest individual aggregate, with the remarkably fine score of 116 out of a possible 120.

Firing for the Blake Shield took place in the afternoon, the Shield being won by "B" Coy., Private W. L. Leek winning the special prize for the highest individual aggregate, scoring 79 points out of a possible 85.

The Open Revolver Competition, unlimited entries at 20 cents per six shots, was fired for on the special range, and this competition will continue throughout Saturday afternoon, 28th inst., and Sunday, 29th inst. The following are the scores:—

Commandant's Competition.
No. 8 Platoon ... 408 1st.
No. 5 ... 371 2nd.
No. 4 ... 370 3rd.

Blake Shield.
"B" Coy. ... 544.
"A" Coy. ... 512.
Engineer Coy. ... 448.

Squadding cards have been sent out for the Open Blake Event to be shot for on Saturday. Firing for the Title Competition (Inter-Company) will commence about 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Competitors in the Classification are reminded that firing will commence at 8 a.m. on Sunday, 29th inst. Teams for the Francis Cup should be ready to fire at 11 a.m. and firing for the Francis Cup will commence immediately after that.

SHAMEEN NEWS.

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Shameen, December 25.—The children's party took place yesterday afternoon. Father Xmas arrived quite mysteriously, much to the surprise and enjoyment of the little ones as well as the grown-ups present. Tea was served and a general distribution of toys in great variety caused untold joy to many wee hearts.

The Chinese Maritime Customs held a reception last evening at the Customs Club, Honam, to the European staff. A good spread was given and an impromptu concert followed which concluded with a dance, over seventy members and ladies being entertained.

An interesting and keenly contested billiard competition has been running at the Customs Club, Canton. The final was decided between two well known members, Mr. D. Urquhart and Mr. H. J. O. Hicks. An exciting match, in which Mr. Hicks got away, witnessed Mr. Urquhart overhaul his opponent in the good style which he is capable of, and win.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(The opinions expressed by correspondents are not necessarily those of the Hongkong Telegraph.)

SHAMEEN XMAS MAIL.

(To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph.")

Sir,—Christmas comes but once a year and when it does, oh dear, oh dear.

Christmas Morning.—Parcel Mail despatched from Hongkong arrived, with the letter mail. The letters were sorted and collected by the various messengers sent by residents. But what about the Parcels?

Later—8.30 a.m.—Surely these presents from overseas or even from Hongkong could be looked at, occupying probably one hour with the assistance available of the Chinese staff, and sorted ready for collection, to bring some expected cheer from home at this season. It does seem too much of a farce to let five sacks of parcels remain untouched until to-morrow.

What have those in charge to say of the matter?

Yours etc.,
EXPECTANTS.

Shameen, Dec. 25, 1918.

FOOTBALL.

Hongkong F.C. v. Royal Engineers.

The following players have been chosen to represent the Hongkong Football Club in their game with Royal Engineers on Saturday, the 28th inst. at 4 p.m. on the Club ground:—W. Hamilton; F. W. Black and J. McQuibbin; T. B. Chassels, J. Stewart and J. D. Carriere; W. Taylor, I. L. Goldenberg, D. Eichelmann, H. McTavish and J. Jennings.

Sad Faces at the Magistracy. It is a wonder that more Chinese do not wrinkle their faces and make a show at crying, when charged before Mr. O. D. Melbourne. One Chinese keeper of a Chinese Seamen's Institute, prosecuted this morning for accommodating 15 persons more than stipulated in his licence was extremely morose and asked Mr. Melbourne to reduce the fine of \$50 which he inflicted. Mr. Melbourne, sympathetic as he is, could not see his way to be more lenient as the promoter pressed his case.

TO-MORROW'S CONCERT.

An Attractive Programme.

A most attractive programme has been arranged for the concert which is to be given at Kingsclere to-morrow afternoon by Madame Zaleska and M. Kirilloff. It is as follows:—

PART I.
1. Ballade-gnoll (Chopin), Mme. Zaleska.
2. (a) Aria from the Opera "Tosca" (Tebalkovsky); (b) Aria from the Opera "Noces de Figaro" (Mozart), M. Kirilloff.
3. (a) Nocturne (Chopin); (b) Valse (Chopin); (c) Quatre Polonaises (Chopin-Liszt), Mme. Zaleska.
4. Vocal Duet, Barcarolle, Tales of Hoffman (Offenbach), Mme. Zaleska and M. Kirilloff.
PART II.
5. Il Ragazzo (Liszt), Mme. Zaleska.
6. (a) Virtus Anagnis (Glinka); (b) Valse, "Love's Torment" (Orosco and Bartolomey), M. Kirilloff.
7. Victory Polonaise (Chopin), Mme. Zaleska.

COMPANY MEETING.

The China Light and Power Co. Ltd.

An extraordinary general meeting of the above Company was held in the offices of the Company, to-day, at noon, for the purpose of confirming special resolutions passed at an extraordinary general meeting of the Company, held on December 11, 1918.

Mr. H. G. Sweeney presided, and there were present the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, O.M.G., and Mr. H.P. White (Consulting Committee) and Messrs T. F. Hoogh and A.H. Compton (Directors), Mr. H.W. Looker (Secretary to the Company), Mr. T. Leaman (Secretary) and Messrs J. F. Campbell, R. Henderson, W. Adamson and A.A. Cordero. The Chairman moved the confirmation of the five resolutions separately, which were seconded by Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. H.P. White, Mr. W. Adamson, Mr. T. F. Hoogh and Sir Paul Chater, respectively, and the motions were carried unanimously.

This terminated the business of the meeting.

Death of Mr. C. Fittock.

We see by a Singapore paper that the death has occurred at Royale of Mr. Charles Fittock, a former resident of Singapore, where he was Lloyd's Surveyor for many years. The Singapore Free Press says:—His son Charles died in Hongkong and his daughter married Mr. W. E. Monksdale, who was out here as manager of the Tanjong Pagar Dock Co.

TO-DAY'S NEW ADVERTISEMENT.

AFTERNOON CONCERT

AT THE

KINGSCLERE HOTEL

BY

MADAME ZALESKI

AND

MR. KIRILLOV

SATURDAY, 28th December, at 4 P.M.

PRICE OF ADMISSION: 2/6 to 5/0

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

JOTTINGS FROM GERMANY.

A League of Nations Society.

Amsterdam, Dec. 18.
A message from Berlin says a League of Nations Society has been founded. Herr Erzberger, the convenor, declared that such a League without Germany would be a permanent danger.

Growing Menace to Ordered Rule.

London, Dec. 18.
It is obvious that the more extreme elements in Berlin are increasing and reinforced with thousands of deserters from the Army, are proving a formidable menace to ordered Government. "Vorwarts" admits that the situation is perilous owing to the inability of the organised workmen to control the dangerous extremists. It suggests that if the National Assembly cannot be secured against demonstrating mobs it will be compelled to foregather at Cassel, Nurnberg or Frankfurt where it will be able to work undisturbed.

Stormy Scenes in Berlin Soviet Congress.

Amsterdam, Dec. 18.
In the Berlin Soviet Congress, during a sharp passage between Herr Barth and Herr Ebert, thirty soldiers of the Berlin garrison entered the hall and demanded immediate discussion of the question of the formation of a supreme Soldiers' Council to which all troops would be subordinated. The President declared that immediate discussion on the matter was impossible. Turbulent scenes followed. Herr Ledebour insisted on immediate discussion. The Majority Socialists protested and prepared to leave the hall. The uproar increased. Herr Haase exhorted calmness and the Congress finally adjourned amid wild scenes.

ABOLITION OF ORDERS AND HONOUR BADGES.

London, Dec. 20.
The Berlin Congress of Soviets resolved in favour of disarmament of counter revolutionaries, the abolition of all orders and badges of honour and nobility and recommending the appointment of officers by soldiers. This and other decisions of the Congress show that the Bolshevik element is stronger than the Berlin Government despatches have hitherto indicated but the whole proceedings of the Congress are apparently chaotic and largely consisting of acrimonious wranglings. Nevertheless it is believed that the excellent organisation of the Scheidemann Socialists will secure the passage of the proposal for a National Assembly.

EXECUTIVE POWER VESTED WITH PEOPLE.

London, Dec. 19.
The Berlin Congress of Soviets has passed a resolution affirming its supreme authority but transferring the legislative and executive power to the People's Commissaries until the National Assembly otherwise arranges. A special Soviet has been appointed to supervise the German and Prussian Cabinets with power to appoint or depose the People's Commissaries. Two "adjuncts" have been selected from both Socialist parties and will be installed in each Ministry.

OFFICERS ABUSED AND HUMILIATED.

Amsterdam, Dec. 18.
War Minister Scheuch states that he has resigned because officers are continually abused and humiliated. For example the Commander at Potsdam appointed by him was unable to assume his duties because a soldier of the Potsdam Soviet declared himself Commander.

POLISH ELECTION FOR EASTERN PRUSSIA.

Copenhagen, Dec. 18.
A message from Berlin says the Polish Government has decreed that the election of the National Assembly be held on 26th Jan., comprising the eastern provinces of Prussia. The German press strongly protests, alleging that the Poles desire to annex German territories.

KRUPPS' FUNCTION ALTERED.

Amsterdam, Dec. 18.
The "Lokalanzeiger" states that Krupps will be utilised for textile industry.

BOLSHEVISM RAMPANT IN RUSSIA.

Necessity of Allied Intervention.
London, Dec. 18.
The newspapers are again calling attention to the problem of Allied intervention in Russia, especially in view of the Baltic provinces where Bolshevik forces approaching the railway junction at Walk in Livonia have crossed the Duna at Friedland and are marching on Mitau in Estonia. The Estonian forces are weak and unable to resist the advance of the Bolsheviks. Meanwhile the Germans are withdrawing from the Baltic provinces and in the course of the Soviet Congress at Berlin Herr Ebert stated that everything was being done to protect the eastern provinces of Germany against pillaging bands. The special correspondent of the "Daily Chronicle" points out that in Russia adherence to Bolshevism is the only alternative to starvation since the Bolsheviks control the food supplies and thousands of officers are in the Bolshevik army because otherwise they would die of hunger. He discredits the report of a Bolshevik army of three millions and says the most reliable estimate is 180,000 scattered over Russia, but probably an attempt will be made to increase the force with a view to invading other parts of Europe in order to spread Bolshevik doctrines.

WELCOME TO SIR DOUGLAS HAIG.

London, Dec. 19.
The following is a continuation of the message relating to the welcome of Sir Douglas Haig: There was a stirring and historic scene outside the Palace where a crowd of 80,000 had assembled, with children from all parts of London in the front positions. Seven aeroplanes, which accompanied Sir Douglas Haig from the coast flew over the Palace, glittering like silver in the sun each time they wheeled round. A little later eleven other planes circled round the Palace in battle formation. Then came Sir Douglas Haig and party. The enthusiasm of the crowd was tremendous and deafening roars rent the air as the carriages passed in front of the Palace to the southern gates and then crossed the forecourt to the grand entrance.

SPAIN AND GERMANY.

Madrid, Dec. 20.
The German Ambassador and his staff have received their passports.

BOLSHEVISTS IN BERLIN?



YOU might think so, but it's not the case. The picture merely represents what we should like to see during these last days of the sale of St. Andrew's Society War Bond Tickets. FIVE DOLLARS might bring you TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND. It's a chance of a life time, and probably the last chance of the kind that Hongkong will offer. Half per cent goes to War Charities; the rest, after paying expenses, goes to you, if you are one of the lucky ones. If you are not lucky, well, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you have contributed to a good cause. The way to be lucky is to BUY TICKETS and BUY THEM NOW.

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On sale, till 15th February, at all Banks, Stores, Hotels and Clubs.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

PROSECUTION OF AUSTRIAN WAR LORDS.

Amsterdam, Dec. 18.
A message from Vienna says that all parties in the House have presented a Bill regarding the establishment of responsibility and criminal prosecution of the supreme war leaders, particularly in respect of the collapse of the Army last autumn.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

German Influence in China.

Before the war, our first and most formidable trade rival in China was Germany. Operating from the bases of Tientsin, Hankow, Canton, and Tsingtao, German firms had secured the lion's share of the trade with the important interior provinces of Honan, Yunnan and Szechuan, which had become strongholds of German trade and influence (says the Scotsman) We have it on the authority of the Special Commissioners of the Board of Trade in China that most of this business was financed by British, French, and Russian banks. The extent to which British banking capital so freely extended its assistance to Germany in commercial spheres which were formerly our own, was beginning to raise comment before the present war was thought of, at any rate by the majority of people in this country. Such a state of affairs is scarcely likely to be repeated in our generation. The French trading community are also gratified by experience. The Temps publishes an interesting letter from a special Commissioner giving particulars of the formation of a French Chamber of Commerce in China, which is one of the results of the war. Generally speaking its aims are to counteract and eradicate the Germanisation of industrial China. The correspondent of the Temps expresses the opinion that although there may not be much ground for complaint respecting the export trade from China to France, the reverse trade from France to China leaves much to be desired, and it is in the latter description of trade that Germany formerly excelled. He mentions a dozen commodities of which China is said to be deficient, and in the provision of which Germany might occupy the position formerly held by Germany.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

Iron and Steel Trade.

The decision of British steel smelters to completely amalgamate with the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation has been approved by the branches of the central association by a vote of 47,691 out of 75,222, a total vote of over 65 per cent. of the membership. A number of branches failed to make returns. A similar proposal in connection with the Associated Iron and Steel Workers will shortly be submitted to the members. An arrangement has been come to with the National Union of Clerks for the Iron and Steel Section of that Union to be affiliated to the confederation, and information has been received that in response to the representations made by a deputation to Mr. Kellaway, the Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Munitions, an advisory committee in connection with the Ministry has now been set up, the constitution of which is identical with that of the committee established in connection with the Employment Department of the Ministry of Labour. Arrangements, if possible, are to be made with the Miners' Federation as to the lines of demarcation to be adopted with regard to the organisation of colliers.

22,000,000 Coal Deal.

Mr. D. B. Llewellyn, of Aberdare, in conjunction with Mr. H. Seymour Barry, of Merthyr Tydfil, has acquired South Wales colliery property involving a sum of nearly two million pounds. The deal, which is one of the annals of the Welsh coalfield, was concluded recently. The purchase includes the whole of the property of the Grigolau Merthyr Colliery, on Swansea, together with subsidiary interests in France. The colliers thus transferred are in the Swansea Valley, and now own five thousand acres in extent, with an annual output of 2,000,000 tons. France has been at Swansea, and in the Swansea Valley, and the output of nearly two million tons per year, and the destination of the coal.

EXCHANGE.

SELLING.

T/T	3/4 1/2
Demand	3/4 7/16
30 d/s	3/4 9/16
60 d/s	3/4 11/16
4 m/s	3/4 13/16
T/T Shanghai	Nom.
T/T Singapore	143
T/T Japan	153
T/T India	Nom.
Demand India	Nom.
T/T San Francisco	70 3/4
60 d/s New York	188 1/2
T/T Java	Nom.
T/T Manila	Nom.
T/T France	436
Demand Paris	436 1/2

BUYING.

4 m/s L/C	3/5 1/2
4 m/s D/P	3/5 1/2
6 m/s L/C	3/6
30 d/s Sydney and Melbourne	3/6
30 d/s San Francisco	81 1/4
60 d/s New York	Nom.
4 m/s Marks	Nom.
4 m/s France	453 1/4
6 m/s France	458 1/4
Demand Germany	Nom.
Demand New York	80
T/T Bombay	Nom.
Demand Bombay	Nom.
T/T Calcutta	Nom.
Demand Calcutta	Nom.
Demand Manila	162
Demand Singapore	143
On Haiphong	2 1/4 % prem.
On Saigon	2 % prem.
On Bangkok	45 1/2
Sovereign	5.90 Nom.
Gold leaf per oz	40.40
Bar Silver, per oz	48 7/16

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Church Snobbery.

Speaking at Ostia, the Bishop of Carlisle said that the churches had been frequently too largely concerned with selfish salvation. They had not been social churches proclaiming a social righteousness. Some churches had cringed before wealth and rank, and others had glorified the middle classes. The customary services were too long and too complicated to arouse and sustain the interest of the common people. Some, although not many, were often in a tongue not to the hand, under foot of the people. The churches had a misapprehension that in the course of the present generation, the religion was to be sold for a price, and that the people would be content to buy it.

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Hongkong, October 21st, 1918.

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CHRISTMAS CRICKET.

C.R.C. v. R.O.A.
The following will represent the C.R.C. in this match tomorrow at 3.30:— Ng Sui Kwong (Capt.) Yew Man Tsun, James Wong, K.K. Wong, Harry Ching, Wei Lee Sun, O. F. Lee, George Lee, Liu Yui Man, Chow Yui Chong and Ua Hwa Fan. Hongkong C.C. v. The Rest. The Hongkong Cricket Club met this evening on Christmas Day and Boxing Day on their own ground. The Rest appears to be a malnourished team. They were supposed to have been picked from the teams outside the Hongkong Cricket Club. The best team available was not taken, and we do not know who had a hand in the picking. The Overseas players were not included. In spite of this, the Rest succeeded in winning the match by four runs. Scores:—

Rest—1st Innings.	
A. E. Wood, b Donnelly	9
Sir. Hick, c Fane, b Donnelly	3
O. J. Stapleton, c Grey, b Bird	2
A. H. Ramjiah, b Bird	32
Capt. Wahl, c Fane, b Donnelly	0
Donnelly	0
G. E. Marley, c de Rome, b Donnelly	15
Donnelly	0
Corporal Waller, c Donnelly, b Bird	0
P. M. Robinson, b Bird	8
E. W. Hamilton, b Donnelly	2
H. H. Taylor, c Pearce, b Bird	8
Gunner Baines, not out	1
Extras	0
Total	78

Bird	0	M. B. W.	11	0	47	5
Donnelly	11	1	31	5		

Hongkong C.C.—1st Innings.	
T. E. Pearce, c Baines, b Hick	113
Capt. Grey, c Hick, b Hamilton	8
F. J. de Rome, c Taylor, b Hamilton	35
M. M. Mass, b Waller	5
A. P. Tharpelo, c Waller, b Taylor	40
R. Kennedy, c Wahl, b Baines	7
R. M. Austin, c Waller, b Baines	0
F. Sutton, b Baines	2
R. E. O. Bird, b Hick	19
D. E. Donnelly, c Hamilton, b Baines	2
P. A. Pantonby, c Fane, not out	6
Extras	10
Total	238

Bird	0	M. B. W.	11	1	63	2
Baines	17	0	68	4		
Marley	5	0	38	0		
Taylor	11	0	53	1		
Waller	3	0	19	1		
Hick	5	0	14	2		

Rest—2nd Innings.	
G. E. Marley, c Grey, b Donnelly	31
Hick, b Donnelly	6
A. E. Wood, b Donnelly	99
G. Ramjiah, c Fane, b Donnelly	0
O. J. Stapleton, b Donnelly	18
Capt. Wahl, b Bird	20
H. H. Taylor, c de Rome, b Bird	60
P. M. Robinson, c Fane, b Donnelly	25
Donnelly	0
G. E. Marley, c Austin, b Bird	1
E. W. Hamilton, c b Bird	21
Extras	19
Total	299

Bird	0	M. B. W.	30	3	115	6
Bird	24	2	118	4		
de Rome	5	25	0	0		
Pearce	3	22	0	0		

Hongkong C.C.—2nd Innings.	
T. E. Pearce, c sub, b Taylor	1
Capt. Grey, c Marley, b Taylor	14
F. J. de Rome, c Robinson, b Baines	18
M. M. Mass, c Taylor, b Baines	0
R. P. Tharpelo, c Taylor, b Hamilton	33
R. Kennedy, c Ramjiah, b Marley	19
R. M. Austin, c Stapleton, b Marley	0
F. Sutton, c Stapleton, b Taylor	24
R. E. O. Bird, b Baines	8
R. E. Donnelly, not out	5
R. Pantonby, c Fane, b Hick	5
Extras	12
Total	135

Bird	0	M. B. W.	13	2	37	8
Baines	8	1	49	3		
Taylor	1	2	15	1		
Marley	1	0	23	2		
Hamilton	1	0	23	2		
Hick	1	0	8	1		

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Waikato, 102, Capt. Mathew	
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Ying Shin, 99, Chinese, Capt. Va sine	
Shun Chong, 331, Chinese, Capt. Kyle	
Chong Va, 158, Chinese, Capt. West	
Wo Sang, 112, British, Capt. Smith	
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Huyeh, 1105, British, Capt. Richards	
Hang Bee, 2058, British, Capt. Egdom	
Hok Canton, 556, British, Capt. Sparks	
Baritan, 1327, Am., Capt. Martinez	
Ganges, 1754, Japanese, Capt. Imai	
Shin Yu, 1254, Japanese, Capt. Hodo	
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